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COURTLAND SCHOOL ALUMNAE PLANNING FOR ANNIVERSARY

Twenty-fifth Birthday of Institution Will Be Observed Thursday.

Elaborate preparations are being made for the 25th anniversary celebration of the Courtland school which will be held Thursday afternoon, May 18, from 4 until 6 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. DeVer H. Warner, 189 Park place.

Mrs. John Field is general chairman of the committee in charge of the celebration and the sub-committee includes: Finance committee, Miss Amelia Boardley; Invitations, Miss Louise Gould, chairman; the Misses Emily Sanford, Edna Smith, Lucille Godfrey, and Mrs. DeVer H. Warner.

Miss Katherine Plumb is chairman of the list committee. The dining room committee includes Miss Katherine Plumb, chairman; Miss Louise Warren and Miss Charlotte Harburt. Serving in the dining room will be the six members of the graduating class, the Misses Louise Atwater, Erma Chano, Mary Radel, Eliza Perry, Margaret Casey and Constance Hatheway.

Alumnae who will serve include Mrs. Charles E. Gregory, Mrs. Redfield, Mrs. H. E. Riker, Mrs. Elliott Peck, Mrs. D. C. DeWolfe, Mrs. Robert E. Wheeler, Mrs. Arthur Powell, Mrs. F. H. Welles, Misses Frances Williams, Helen Plumb, Ann Eliza, both Jennings, Frances Hotchkiss and Nap Dewey.

Miss Alice Pierce is chairman of the committee on decorations. She will be assisted by the Misses Sophie Smith and Eugenia Barker. Mrs. Walter North and Miss Marjorie Smith compose the music committee, and the reception committee includes Mrs. David Treacart, chairman; Mrs. David Day and Miss Annie Fish. Mrs. John A. Eastling, Jr., is chairman of the press committee.

The usher will be Mrs. John P. Ramsey, Mrs. John A. Eastling, Jr., Mrs. Horace Strogg, and the Misses Alice Ives, Mildred Foster, Florence Evans, A. B. Hotchkiss, Lucille Godfrey, Edna Northrup, Minnie Nichols, Helen Plumb, Jessie Hoag and Laura Curner.

GREEDY LANDLORDS' VICTIMS COMPLAIN TO CITY OFFICIALS

The offices of the city clerk have been moved from the second floor of the city hall to the offices on the top floor formerly occupied by the board of education. Despite the fact that the furniture has not been settled in place and carpenters and other workmen are still busy setting the new offices to rights, steady streams of persons complaining that their rent had been raised, flowed through the office today.

A large number were women with children in arms and more clinging to their skirts. All had virtually the same story to tell that their rent had been raised and when they protested they had been served with notices to vacate. The city clerk was not in the office today. His stenographer, Clarence Lister, could only advise the complainants as to their rights to remain in the premises after notices to vacate have been served.

BOY HIT BY AUTO.

Solomon Wakeman, aged five, a colored boy, ran from the sidewalk on High street this morning. He ran into the back fender of an automobile being driven by Joseph Doherty, 50 Whitney avenue. The lad was spun around in the air as a result of the indirect impact and struck on his face. Doherty stopped and at once removed the boy to emergency hospital where only slight bruises were disclosed. Later, Doherty, who was not held, took the boy to his home at 150 High street.

WEATHER FORECAST

New Haven, May 15—Forecast: Unsettled, with showers tonight and Tuesday; warmer tonight. Connecticut: Showers tonight and probably Tuesday; warmer tonight. Moderate east to south-east winds.

A storm area is central over the upper Mississippi valley with the barometer at St. Paul, Minn., reading at 29.40 inches. It is causing cloudy and rainy weather in all the northern districts east of the Rocky Mountains. Many places reported thunderstorms during the last 24 hours. Secondary disturbances are central over Southern Texas and Florida. The temperatures are high in the southern districts and low over the Rocky Mountains.

ALMANAC FOR TODAY

Sun rises 4:34 a. m.
Sun sets 7:04 p. m.
High water 8:54 a. m.
Low water 2:44 p. m.
Moon sets 2:54 a. m.

FIGHTING WITH MEXICAN BANDITS HAS BEEN ALL LONG RANGE ACTION.



TWO SCENES IN RECENT FIGHTING IN MEXICO. One shows a party of troops making a hard climb in the Mexican terrain, and the other a small party actually engaged with the enemy. Notwithstanding the use of the word "charge" in the dispatches with reference to engagements that have been fought, there has in reality been nothing like what officers would call shock action. All firing has been at comparatively long range.

STANKEY BOUND OVER, CHARGED WITH ROBBERY

Former Saloonkeeper of This City Is Held for Superior Court Trial

(Special to The Farmer.)

Stratford, May 15.—Otto Stankey, a former saloonkeeper of Bridgeport, and who claims to live there, was bound over to the superior court today by Judge Howard M. Curtis under bonds of \$250. Stankey is alleged to have stolen a diamond ring worth \$40 and \$50 in money from Joseph Degen of West Haven.

According to evidence submitted in court by Joseph Degen, he was in Stankey's hotel, West Haven, Saturday evening and was drinking at a table when Stankey came in and sat beside him. After both men had a few drinks, Stankey invited Degen for an automobile ride. They headed for Bridgeport. On the way down they stopped at a house. When they arrived in Stratford they pulled up at Angelo Stavola's saloon, Avon Park. When Degen put his hand in his pocket to get some money to pay for the drinks he found that it had disappeared as well as the diamond ring. He accused Stankey of taking both the ring and the money.

Stankey denied the allegations and took Degen to the machine and found the ring in the seat. Stankey, Special Policeman Edward Manchester, who lives nearby, was called by the proprietor and he arrested both men. Stankey asked permission from the court to procure a bondman. He was given until this evening to do so.

Stratford was visited by chicken and pig thieves some time last night. This time the marauders did not confine themselves to the center but went for the loot to the North End. As a result three persons are this morning mourning the loss of their livestock. All reside on Huntington road. George Jacoe is the heaviest sufferer. Two valuable pigs and seven hens were captured. Harry Olson lost five hens and Thomas Carwin two. In all three cases the locks were pulled from the doors and left lying near the doors.

Twenty couples attended the subscription dance given by Henry Wells and Allan Wilson Saturday evening in the Stratford auditorium. Guests were present from Milford, Waterbury, Bridgeport and New Haven and Devon. The hall was prettily decorated.

FIVE ARMORED CRUISERS FOR USE OF CIVILIANS

San Diego, Cal., May 15.—Five armored cruisers, the South Dakota, Colorado, West Virginia, Maryland and Pittsburgh, probably will be available for the training of civilian sailors before August 15 and November 12. Rear Admiral William Fullam, Pacific reserve fleet commander, said today.

Several hundred Californians are expected to enroll for the series of war maneuvers off the coast which will start August 15.

BELGIANS MAKE GAINS IN AFRICAN FIGHTING

Paris, May 15.—Further successes for the Belgian expedition which has invaded German East Africa were announced in the official statement issued today by the Belgian war department at Havre. The statement says that Colonel Molitor, in command of the southern column, occupied Kigali, capital of the German province of Ruanda.

SIXTY-FOUR CASES BEFORE CITY COURT

The Sunday haul of prisoners before the city court resulted in 64 cases being docketed and called before Judge P. A. Bartlett this morning. Many of which were continued until later dates in the week.

The necessity for a Sunday court session has again arisen and will likely be acted upon when the new courtroom has been completed in the police and charities building.

Anthony Cura charged with breach of the peace when he passed remarks about the exposed extremities of a girl at the baseball park, yesterday, was fined \$10 and costs.

Arthur E. Wilnot, accused of having thrown a boy from the top of a jitney "bus" at the ball game, had his case continued until tomorrow. Harry Ames, who disregarded a traffic officer's signals, Saturday, was fined \$5 and costs. Richard P. Jones, charged with intoxication and assault upon his son, Arlington, was released by the court when the son pleaded for him and said that he wanted him arrested only as a lesson to him.

Philip Gianni, 276 Hallett street, charged with recklessly driving a motorcycle on North avenue yesterday, when he made a rate of 30 miles an hour, was fined \$5 and costs.

Harry Sylvester, 7 Bank street, who confessed to the fact that he was employed as a "bouncer" in the lodging house at that address, was fined \$10 and costs upon an assault charge. The court took occasion to remark that it was hard enough for persons to live in such a place without having to submit to the indignity of being bounced out by the prisoner.

Urges Revenue Men to Observe Neutrality

Collector of Port James L. McGovern, in his address on "Americanism" before the banquet at Bullen's cafe, of the Connecticut Branch, Internal Revenue Association, Saturday night, urged his listeners to maintain strict neutrality especially in their capacity as employees of the government. About 50 members of the organization gathered here Saturday afternoon from various parts of the district for their annual business and social session. Automobiles conveyed the visitors to interesting points about the city, and following the executive session in the Federal building, where officers were elected for the coming year, the banquet was served.

The officers chosen were: L. E. Hunt of East Hartford, T. J. Flanagan of Hartford and Edward Mullen of New Haven were re-elected president, vice-president and secretary, respectively. Collector James Walsh was chosen as delegate to the national convention, to be held at Richmond, Va. Chief Deputy Thomas B. Myers will serve as alternate.

Collector Walsh acted as toastmaster. Among the invited guests who responded to toasts were Collector of Port of Connecticut McGovern, Postmaster Charles F. Greene, Superintendent of Finance of the Bridgeport Post Office William T. Meyer, Michael Clabby, superintendent of the Yost Typewriter Works; Joseph Splitter, president of the Home Brewing Co.; and Lawrence J. Gill, special census agent of the United States government.

AUTO ACCIDENT IS FATAL

Boston, May 15.—Mrs. Elizabeth Larive, 55, who was hit by an automobile as she was stepping from a trolley car here Saturday, died of her injuries today at the hospital. Her skull was fractured. The driver of the automobile, Fred Cooper, was arrested after the accident and held in \$750 bail on a charge of reckless driving.

MORE INFORMATION ON STREET CLOSING PROPOSITION SOUGHT

Unless members of the streets and sidewalks committee change their minds before the meeting of the common council tonight no report will be made on the petition of the Lake Tapedo Boat Co. to close portions of Jefferson and Adams streets at their plant. The members of the committee want additional blue prints and data showing just what the company intends to do. They also want a more detailed statement of the company's proposition to maintain a 20-foot passageway between the streets mentioned over the company's property and the bulkheading and opening of Eagle street to the water front.

RAILWAY BROTHERHOOD OPENS BIG CONVENTION

Detroit, May 15.—The proposed eight hour day for engineers, firemen and other members of train crews was expected to be the most important question discussed at the national convention of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen which opened here today. The convention will probably continue to June 1.

The Ladies' Auxiliary also convened. It is understood a constitutional amendment, making Cleveland the permanent convention city of the brotherhood and that the office of the Grand Lodge must be moved to the convention city for the session.

Mothers' Day was celebrated in Paterson, N. J., by the sale of 4,000 white carnations by more than 350 young women in the streets.

Thackeray and Dickens. Thackeray was much taller than Dickens. His form, indeed, approached the gigantic in its proportions. He looked far older, although the two men were much about the same age. His immense head, his broad forehead and his prematurely white hair gave him an appearance of authority and even of severity, which one might have thought would prove intimidating to a stranger. Yet I at least never felt it so. He seemed to me to be less self-assertive, less conscious of his superiority, than Dickens appeared to be.—Justin McCarthy's Reminiscences.

Back to Her Tender Years. Boarder—This beef is very tough. It is evidently from an old cow. Mrs. Hashleigh—Let me tell you, sir, that the tenderest beef I ever ate was from a cow fifteen or twenty years old. Boarder—That's easily explained. The cow was so old she was childish.—Boston Transcript.

Encouragement. Collector (warmly)—I've been here a dozen times, sir, and I positively won't call again.

Mr. Porphy (cheerfully)—Oh, come now, my man. Don't be so superstitious about making the thirteenth call. Nothing will happen, I assure you.

Information. Customer—Have you the papers for a week back? Newsboy—For a week back? Yer don't want papers; yer wants a porous plaster.—Exchange.

During the Engagement. Patience—So Peggy is putting off her marriage as long as possible? Patrice—Oh, yes; she loves attention, you know.—Yonkers Statesman.

High Aspiration. Peter—It's a fine castle in the air you've built. How do you propose to get into it—by airship? James—No; by helms!

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6x8 ft.	\$2.50
4x8 ft.	\$1.50

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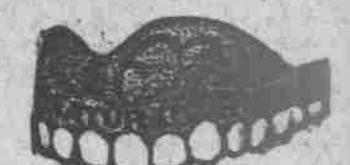
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